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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management its report on the programme review of the Committee's work during the 2011-2015 period. The report is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the way forward for the global geospatial information management community, including proposals on the modalities and work of the Committee in setting global norms on geospatial information management.

Summary of the report

Taking into account the urgent need to take concrete action to strengthen international cooperation in the area of global geospatial information, the Economic and Social Council decided to establish the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on 27 July 2011 (see Council resolution 2011/24). The Committee of Experts was established to serve as a formal intergovernmental mechanism to coordinate global geospatial information management activities among Member States, and with the provision that it would function within existing resources. The Council requested the Committee of Experts to present to it in 2016 a comprehensive review of all aspects of its work and operations, in order to allow Member States to assess its effectiveness.

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In its report, the Secretariat provides details on the initial draft of the comprehensive review, with a view to facilitating extensive consultation among Member States and relevant international organizations and United Nations entities. The Secretariat assesses the effectiveness of the Committee of Experts, referring to and considering the terms of reference agreed by the Council, and describes the Committee of Expert's initiatives and accomplishments to date. The Secretariat also provides in its report specific recommendations on the modalities of the Committee of Experts and a way forward for the global geospatial information community.